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To the Chairman and Members of the

REDDITCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report which relates to the state of public health in the Urban District for the year ending 1961.

As I did not take up my duties in Redditch until 23rd July, 1962, I feel that I am not in a position to make any comment on the events of the Health Department for the year 1961. Therefore I am presenting this report as a statistical report without further comment.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. S. PICKUP,
Medical Officer of Health.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

AREA — 12,059 Acres.

Census of resident population,
mid 1961 — 34,077

Number of inhabited houses, end of 1961 — 11,042

Rateable Value — £459,643

Sum represented by the Penny Rate — £1,845

VITAL STATISTICS

ESTIMATED POPULATION.

1960 — 34,440
1961 — 34,077

Population figures as quoted from the Annual Reports of Medical Officer of Health.

Year	Population
1901	13,493
1911	15,463
1921	16,550
1931	19,280
1939	22,760
1945	25,470
1950	29,110
1951	29,184 — Census
1952	30,360
1953	30,490
1954	30,710
1955	30,930
1956	31,390
1957	32,220
1958	33,120
1959	33,840
1960	34,440
1961	34,077 — Census

LIVE BIRTHS.

(Figuers in brackets are 1960 totals).

LIVE BIRTHS			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	316	332	648
Illegitimate ...	18	21	39
Total ...	334 (314)	353 (299)	687 (613)

Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population) :—

Area Comparability Factor : 0.95

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Crude :	17.63	15.88	16.37	17.9	20.30
Standardised :	17.10	15.09	15.56	16.9	19.29

Illegitimacy Rate (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 total live births) :—

1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
42.25	38.02	48.73	60.35	56.75

Percentage of illegitimate live births of total births : 5.68%

STILL BIRTHS.

STILL BIRTHS			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	5	7	12
Illegitimate ...	–	–	–
Total ...	5 (5)	7 (9)	12 (14)

Still-Birth Rate (Still-births per 1,000 live and still births) :—

1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1951
17.16	22.32	22.92	20.48	30.77	21.01

Total live and still births : 699.

The illegitimate birth rate has decreased slightly from 6.03 in 1960 to 5.68 in 1961. The still birth rate has decreased from 22.32 to 17.16.

DEATHS.

(1960 figures in brackets).

DEATHS		
M	F	Total
177 (194)	182 (164)	359 (358)

Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 population) :—

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Crude :	9.47	8.79	9.75	10.31	10.53
Standardised :	10.98	10.55	11.7	12.4	12.63

Area Comparability Factor : 1.20

The principal causes of death were as follows :—

1. Disease of the heart and circulatory system (including intra-cranial vascular lesions) 51.25% of all deaths. (47.00%)
2. Cancer (all forms) and other malignant disease ... ... 15.32% „ „ „ ~~(44.00%)~~ 18.43%
3. Respiratory Disease (excluding T.B.) ... 17.00% „ „ „ (14.53%)
4. Road and other Accidents ... ... 3.34% „ „ „ (1.67%)
5. Tuberculosis ... ... .83% „ „ „ (.30%)

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

There were no deaths due to causes associated with childbirth.

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	9	7	16
Illegitimate ...	–	–	–
Total ...	9	7	16

DEATHS OF INFANTS WITHIN THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS			
	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	7	4	11
Illegitimate ...	–	–	–
Total ...	7	4	11

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates

	1961	1960	1959	1951
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	17.46	13.05	23.47	31.95
Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate births	17.46	13.05	24.67	33.99
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births	——	——	——	74.07
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	23.28	9.79	16.24	21.46

Causes of Infant Deaths.

(N.B.—Neonatal deaths in brackets).

	1961	1960	1959
Prematurity	(5)	1(3)	(3)
Broncho-Pneumonia	3(1)	1(1)	1(4)
Congenital Malformations	1	–	–
Asphyxia	1	–	–
Heart Failure	(1)	–	–
Adrenal and peri-adrenal haemorrhage	–	–	–
Hydrocephalus	–	–	(1)
Multiple Injuries	–	–	–
Malignant Diseases	–	–	–
Atelectasis	(2)	–	(3)
Coma	–	–	–
Respiratory Failure	–	(1)	–
Poisoning by Gas Mains	–	–	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	(1)	(1)	(2)

DEATHS BY AGE		
Age in years	1961 %	1960 %
Under 1 ...	4.45	1.68
1 – 14 ...	1.67	0.56
15 – 24 ...	0.55	1.12
25 – 64 ...	26.18	26.81
65 and over	67.13	69.83

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE REDDITCH URBAN DISTRICT, 1961

CAUSE OF DEATH	M	F	Total	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Pop. 1961	Mortality Rate per 1,000 Pop. 1960
1. Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	1	1	2	0.058	0.019
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	0	1	0.029	0
3. Syphilitic Disease ...	0	0	0	0	0.019
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0
5. Whooping Cough ...	0	0	0	0	0
6. Meningococcal Infections	0	0	0	0	0
7. Acute Poliomyelitis...	0	0	0	0	0
8. Measles	1	0	1	0.029	0
9. Other Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	0	0	0	0	0
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	7	2	9	0.205	0.29
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus ...	8	0	8	0.23	0.261
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	6	6	0.176	0.23
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	0	4	4	0.117	0
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	11	17	28	0.82	1.161
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0	0	0	0	0
16. Diabetes	1	0	1	0.29	0.087
17. Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	15	28	43	1.26	1.509
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	35	23	58	1.7	1.687
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	5	5	10	1.293	0.23
20. Other Heart Disease	21	35	56	1.613	1.451
21. Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	8	9	17	0.498	0.31
22. Influenza	6	7	13	0.38	0.010
23. Pneumonia	8	13	21	0.616	0.435
24. Bronchitis	17	6	23	0.674	0.957
25. Other Disease of the Respiratory System	4	0	4	0.117	0.087
26. Ulcer of the Stomach and Duodenum ...	4	0	4	0.117	0.144
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0	2	2	0.058	0
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	3	5	0.176	0.174
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	0	2	0.058	0.058
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ...	0	0	0	0	0
31. Congenital Malformations	1	3	4	0.117	0.019
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	12	9	21	0.616	0.58
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	2	6	0.176	0.174
34. All other Accidents...	2	5	7	0.205	0.29
35. Suicide	0	1	1	0.029	0.23
36. Homicide and Operations of War ...	1	1	2	0.058	0
TOTAL ...	177 (194)	182 (164)	359 (358)		

General Provision of Health Services

CLINICS AND TREATMENT SERVICES.

Clinic	Situation	Time of Holding
Redditch Infant Welfare Centre	Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road	Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Batchley Estate Infant Welfare Clinic	Church Hall, Batchley Estate	Monday, 2 p.m.
Abbeydale Infant Welfare Centre	Abbeydale Community Centre	2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2.45 p.m.
Astwood Bank Infant Welfare Centre	Baptist Chapel, Hoopers Lane, Astwood Bank	2nd & 4th Mondays, 2 p.m.
Feckenham Infant Welfare Centre	Village Hall, Feckenham	3rd Wednesdays, 2 p.m
Greenlands Infant Welfare Clinic	The Clinic, Greenlands Estate	1st and 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Headless Cross Infant Welfare Clinic	Methodist Chapel, Headless Cross	1st and 3rd Monday, 2 p.m.
School Clinic	Old Vicarage	Thursdays, 9.30 a.m.
Dental Clinic	Day Nursery, Bromsgrove Road	By Appointment
Ante-natal Clinic	Old Vicarage	Tuesdays, 10.0 a.m.
Orthopaedic Clinic	Smallwood Hospital	Mondays, 9.30 a.m.
Tuberculosis Clinic	Smallwood Hospital	Thursdays, 10.0 a.m.
Ophthalmic Clinic	Old Vicarage	By Appointment
Family Planning Clinic	Old Vicarage	1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6.30 - 8 p.m.
Chiropody Clinic	Old Vicarage	By Appointment

MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING.

Three agencies provided the Midwifery Services for the district, (1) the family doctor—ante and post-natal care and home confinements; (2) the County Council—ante-natal clinics and district midwives; (3) the Regional Hospital Board—hospitals for delivery and treatment. The County Council provided nurse-midwives who attended general nursing and midwifery cases in the home.

HEALTH VISITING.

The County Council continued to provide a Health Visiting Service. The Health Visitors serving the district are :—

Miss B. E. Cramp, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.

Miss V. J. Crow, S.R.N., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.

Miss B. M. Gittins, S.R.N., T.B.Cert., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.

Mrs E. Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Shelley Close, Redditch.

Mrs. I. Lowe. R.G.N., S.R.F.N., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.

Miss M. Pike, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V., Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road.

Miss A. Potter, S.R.N., Q.I.D.N.S., H.V., 6 Church Road, Webheath. Redditch.

SCHOOL HEALTH.

The County Council continued to provide an extensive school health service. School Medical Officers carried out inspections of children and regular Minor Ailments Clinics were held at the Old Vicarage, Bromsgrove Road, Redditch. Specialist, Ophthalmic and Orthopaedic Clinics were also held. A full-time Assistant School Dental Officer was available.

SMALLPOX AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION, AND DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION.

The County Council continued to provide this service. It was administered by the District Medical Officer of Health.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bacteriological and virological investigations were carried out for the Department by the Worcester Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service. Special investigations were carried out by the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale. Chemical analyses were carried out by the County Laboratory, Worcester.

HOSPITALS.

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district :—

1.	Infectious Diseases ..	Hayley Green Isolation Hospital Halesowen; Little Bromwich Fever Hospital; Newtown Isolation Hospital, Worcester.
2.	Maternity	Bromsgrove General Hospital; Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge; Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport; Avonside Hospital, Evesham.
3.	General Medical and Surgical Cases	Smallwood Hospital, Redditch; Bromsgrove General Hospital; Royal Infirmary, Worcester and various Birmingham Hospitals.
4.	Children's Diseases ...	The Children's Hospital, Birmingham.
5.	Venereal Diseases	The General Hospital, Birmingham;
6.	Aged Chronic Sick ...	Bromsgrove General Hospital; Blakebrook Hospital, Kidderminster; Avonside Hospital, Evesham.
7.	Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove.

HEALTH EDUCATION.

The Council continued to subscribe to the Central Council for Health Education whose services were utilised during the year.

Talks on health subjects were given by members of the Health Department to various organisations in the town.

HOME AND DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE.

The service continued to function during the year. It was conducted through the agency of the W.V.S. for the County Council by Mrs. L. M Brown.

Cases dealt with :—

Maternity Cases	30
Chronic Sick	80
Others	12

Eight part time Home Helps were employed, there were also three Home Helps employed occasionally.

WELFARE.

The County Welfare Officer continued under the direction of the County Council with her headquarters in Redditch.

HOUSING

The housing figures for 1961 are as follows :—

Number of houses built by Council during year ...	48
Number of houses built by private enterprise	226
Number of houses under construction by Council ...	108
Number of houses under construction by private enterprise	198
Number of houses built by others (Worcestershire County Council, etc.)	—
Total number of post-war Council houses built	2,222

Population in relation to the number of inhabited dwellings :—

Year	Population (Estimated)	Increase or decrease in Population	Natural Increase (births less deaths)	Increase by Immigration	Units of Accommodation	Increase of units of Accommodation	Number of Persons per unit of Accommodation
1945	25,470	–470	190	–660	7,486	49	3.40
1946	26,040	570	272	298	7,792	306	3.34
1947	26,680	640	197	443	8,054	262	3.31
1948	27,900	1,220	199	1,021	8,265	211	3.38
1949	28,440	540	206	334	8,536	271	3.33
1950	29,110	670	229	441	8,831	295	3.30
1951	29,400	290	225	65	9,073	242	3.24
1952	30,360	960	253	707	9,261	188	3.28
1953	30,490	130	248	–118	9,456	195	3.22
1954	30,710	220	230	–10	9,786	330	3.14
1955	30,930	220	196	24	9,845	59	3.09
1956	31,390	460	199	261	9,954	109	3.15
1957	32,220	830	263	567	10,439	485	3.01
1958	33,120	900	235	665	10,332	107	3.21
1959	33.840	720	224	496	10,570	238	3.2
1960	34,440	560	255	305	10,763	198	3.2
1961	34,077	363	328	—	11,042	279	3.08
1946 to 1961		9,293 (8,930)	3,759 (3,431)	5,755 (5,755)		3,775 (3,496)	

MEDICAL PRIORITIES.

Nine persons were granted housing priority on medical grounds for the reasons stated below :—

Bronchitis	1
Heart Disease	2
Kidney	1
General Ill-health	2
Tuberculosis	3

MASS MINIATURE RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY.

The Dudley Mass Miniature Radiography Mobile Unit carried out surveys of referred cases and also a factory visit. The referrals were dealt with on the basis of a quarterly visit, the unit staying one day. In conformity with the recommendations of the Adrian Committee where children under fifteen and pregnant women needed to be X-Rayed, full size films were used instead of miniatures.

TOTAL PERSONS EXAMINED IN 1961			
	Male	Female	Total
Quarterly Referred Sessions	375	462	837

No tuberculous abnormalities were detected in any of these cases.

NON-TUBERCULOUS ABNORMALITIES DISCOVERED				
	Number Examined	Referred to Clinic or Hospital	Others	Total
Referred Sessions Quarterly	837	6	14	20

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING 1961.

Disease	Under 1 year	1–	2–	3–	4–	5–	10–	15-24	25–44	45–64	65 & over	Total
Scarlet Fever	–	–	1	1	1	4	–	1	–	–	–	8
Measles	10	56	55	92	80	309	19	1	–	–	–	622
Whooping Cough	1	–	1	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	12
Dysentery	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	–	2
Primary Pneumonia	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	–	–	–	–	3
Influenzal Pneumonia ...	1	–	–	3	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	7
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Totals	12	56	57	96	81	327	21	2	1	2	–	655

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The "Immunisation State" of Redditch children on December 31st, 1961 was as follows :—

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows :—

	1961	1960	1959	1958
Primary Immunisations :				
Under 5 years old ...	712	646	524	466
5—14 years old ...	37	58	29	16
Reinforcing "Booster" Injections	1,663	627	387	397

Vaccination.

NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED OR RE-VACCINATED DURING 1961.

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	Under 1	1	2–4	5–14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated	481 (391)	43 (88)	13 (21)	10 (18)	7 (20)	554 (538)
Number Re-Vaccinated	—	—	—	—	5 (67)	5 (67)

TUBERCULOSIS.

TUBERCULOSIS INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY DURING 1961.

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15—	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25—	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
35—	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
45—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55—	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
65 & over	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Totals	4 (8)	3 (6)	0 (1)	0 (0)	3 (5)	2 (1)	1 (0)	0 (0)

The number of cases on the register on 31st December, 1961 was :—

	M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	142	95	237
Non-Pulmonary	7	5	12
Total	149	100	249

Total on December 31st, 1960
245
14
259

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1961.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Redditch Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my twenty-third annual report and details of inspections made and improvements effected are as follows :—

INSPECTIONS.

Agricultural Welfare Act		... ...	74
Accumulations Found		... ...	61
Animals Kept	—	Piggeries	106
	—	Fowls, Pigeons, etc.	4
Complaints	...	... ...	352
Cottagers' Pigs	...	No. of notifications of slaughter	3
	—	No. of pigs inspected	3
Drainage ...	...	No. of drains found choked	49
	—	No. of drains found defective	44
	—	No. of drains tested	136
	—	Visits to work in progress	128
	—	Visits to premises re cesspools	72
Dwelling Houses	...	Visits re Improvement Grants	423
	—	No. inspected re repairs	460
	—	Re-inspections	868
	—	No. inspected re overcrowding	7
	—	No. found dirty	6
	—	No. found verminous (Premises)	5
	—	No. found verminous (Persons)	—
	—	Visits re Pail closet conversions	8
	—	No. of systematic inspections	477
Rodent Control	...	No. of premises visited	2118
	—	No. of premises found infested	591
	—	Total number of visits	5382
Infectious Diseases	...	Visits re Scarlet Fever	5
	—	Visits re Diphtheria...	—
	—	Visits re Other Diseases	184
Factories ...	...	With mechanical power	32
	—	Without mechanical power	13
	—	Bakehouses	19
	—	Other Premises	8
Food Premises	...	Butchers' shops	81
	—	Slaughterhouses	839
	—	Confectioners	67
	—	Market	42
	—	Dairies	3
	—	Fishmongers and Fried Fish Shops ...	40
	—	Greengrocers and Grocers	203
	—	Licensed Premises	9
	—	Ice Cream Vendors and Manufacturers ...	73
	—	Ice Cream samples taken	5
	—	Preparation of potted meats, etc.	8
	—	Restaurants, Cafe Kitchens and Factory Canteens	61
Knackers Yard	...	... ...	71
Shops Act ...	...	... ...	63
Smoke Abatement	...	No. of observations made	27
	—	Inspection of premises	102

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	... ...	19
Water Supplies ...	Visits to premises re wells	17
—	No. of samples taken	10
Local Authority Premises ...	Tips	23
—	Sewage Works	9
—	Sanitary Conveniences	14
—	Swimming Baths	8
—	Samples of water taken from baths ...	2
—	Miscellaneous visits	1,220
	Total number of inspections ...	11,808

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

During the year 55 applications for improvement grants were approved. The total amount approved for grant was £9,130-9s.-3d. Of these 39 applications were for standard grants, an average of £143 per house, and 16 applications were for discretionary grants, an average of £227 per house. Details of grants were as follows :—

Standard Grants

36 Mount Street	£155	34 Birchfield Road	£155
38 Mount Street	£155	36 Birchfield Road	£155
40 Mount Street	£155	98 Oakly Road	£155
42 Mount Street	£155	9 South Street	£155
44 Mount Street	£155	158 Mount Pleasant... ...	£155
The Cottage, Cruise Hill ...	£145	59 Lodge Road	£145
89 Easemore Road	£155	3 Mount Street	£155
264 Mount Pleasant... ...	£155	16 Castle Street Astwood Bank ...	£105
565 Evesham Road, Crabbs Cross... ...	£155	5 South Street	£155
31 Orchard Street	£115	8 Mason Road	£105
217 Evesham Road	£115	87 Other Road	£155
22 Lodge Road	£115	216 Mount Pleasant... ...	£155
121 Rectory Road	£155	27 The Slough	£155
250 Mount Pleasant... ...	£155	17 Feckenham Road, Astwood Bank ...	£155
Yew Tree Villa, Pumphouse Lane ...	£155	13 Smallwood Row	£145
9 Oakly Road	£155	573 Evesham Road	£145
9 Beaufort Street	£155	13 Mount Pleasant	£155
218 Mount Pleasant... ...	£145	21 Dagtail Lane	£40
13 Avenue Road, Astwood Bank ...	£105	21 Alcester Street	£120
		116 Evesham Road	£70

Discretionary Grants

Lower Tookey's Farm	£375
14 Other Road	£140
27 South Street	£190
32 Beoley Road	£182
Rose Cottage, Noah's Green	£400
67 Other Road	£152.10.0
122 Birchfield Road	£132
23 Dagtail Lane	£400
54 Prospect Road	£225
232 Mount Pleasant	£220
Wesleyan Chapel, Ham Green	£400
111 Rectory Road...	£187.10.0
31 Holloway Lane...	£140
23 Elm Road	£255
343 Evesham Road	£127
373 Evesham Road	£114 . 9.3

WATER SUPPLIES.

Water is supplied throughout the district by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Co. Two samples of mains water were taken for analysis which were satisfactory.

Of the 10,767 occupied premises in the district 99.3% have mains supply and only 77 houses are using wells. A small mains extension to provide water for three houses using wells was approvd.

Details of water main extensions during the year are as follows :—

Old People's Dwelling, Feckenham	93 yards 3″ A/C
Enfield Road, Hunt End	55 yards 3″ S.I.
Lodge Park Estate, Redditch ...	398 yards 6″ A/C
Lodge Park Estate, Redditch ...	299 yards 4″ A/C
Lodge Park Estate, Redditch ...	915 yards 3″ A/C
St. Peter's Estate, Crabbs Cross ...	246 yards 3″ S.I.
Arthur Street, Redditch	100 yards 4″ S.I.
Total	2,106 yards

FOOD PREMISES.

There are in the urban area 329 food premises, details of which are as follows :—

	No.	No. of inspections
Slaughterhouses	2	829
Butchers' shops	33	81
Restaurants and Factory Canteens	28	61
Confectioners	9	67
Ice Cream Vendors and Manufacturers	29	73
Fishmongers & Fried Fish Shops	17	40
Bakehouses	8	19
Market	1	42
Dairies	2	3
Greengrocers and Grocers ...	134	203
Licensed Premises	66	9
Total	329	Total 1,427

CONDEMNED FOOD.

The following is a list of foodstuffs surrendered as unfit for human consumption :—

Tinned Vegetables	114 tins
Tinned Fruit	162 tins
Tinned Meat	76 tins
Tinned Soup	10 tins
Tinned Fish	32 tins
Tinned Orange Juice	4 tins
Tinned Cream	4 tins
Tinned Evaporated Milk...	7 tins
Tinned Rice Pudding	2 tins
Pickles	3 jars
Jam	2 jars
Marmalade	1 jar
Golden Syrup	1 tin
Bacon	78 lbs.
Rabbit	30 lbs.
Sausages	4 lbs.
Beef	70 lbs.
Lamb	40 lbs.
Chicken	10 lbs.
Ox Liver	34 lbs.
Pork	25 lbs.
Ham	47 lbs.
Tongue	1¼ lbs.
Biscuits	2 pkts.
Cereals	13 pkts.
Assorted Cake	8 pkts.
Cookeen	1 lb.
Butter	4½ lbs.
Margarine	6 lbs.
Cheese	15 lbs.
Bournvita	2 tins
Ovaltine	1 tin

ICE CREAM.

One hundred and twenty-four premises are registered to retail ice cream and of these four are registered to manufacture. During the year 73 inspections were made and 5 samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

Bacteriological Samples.

There are four provisional grades for ice cream and grades 1 and 2 are satisfactory. Of the 5 samples taken 4 were Grade 1, and 1 Grade 2.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the area. One is a new bacon factory which was opened in May, 1961. The other slaughterhouse is situated at Feckenham and is used by two local butchers and a wholesaler who supplies 18 butchers in the town. Of the 33 butchers shops, 12 are multiple concerns.

100% inspection of carcases is maintained of animals slaughtered in the district. 829 visits were made to slaughterhouses compared with 489 the previous year and the number of animals inspected was 42,052, an increase of 21,460

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. killed (if known)	952	155	1,065	16,128	23,752
No. inspected	952	155	1,065	16,128	23,752
All diseases except Tuberculosis : Whole carcases condemned	1	—	3	79	67
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	237	56	5	2,612	3,320
Percentage of the number affected with disease other than tuberculosis ...	25%	36.13%	.75%	16.74%	14.26%
Tuberculosis only : Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	4	—	—	—	841
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ...	.42%	—	—	—	3.55%

RODENT CONTROL.

Local authority premises, such as refuse tips and sewage works, are regularly inspected and treated when necessary. The analysis of Inspection and Treatment is as follows :—

Inspections :

Number of domestic premises inspected	1684
Number of business premises inspected	294
Number of Local Authority premises inspected	100
Number of Farms inspected	40
Total number of premises inspected	2118

Infestations Found :

Total number of infestations found	591

Analysis of Infestations :

Number of infestations found (Rats) (Major)	14
Number of infestations found (Rats) (Minor)	527
Total number of infestations of rats found ...	541
Number of infestations found (Mice) (Major)	6
Number of infestations found (Mice) (Minor)	44
Total number of infestations of mice found ...	50

Treatment :

Number of first treatments	559
Number of second treatments	—
Total number of treatments	559
Total number of visits for treatment	3264

Analysis of First Treatments :

Number of first treatments (Rats) (Major)	15
Number of first treatments (Rats) (Minor)	502
Number of first treatments (Mice) (Major)	5
Number of first treatments (Mice) (Minor)	37
Total number of treatments (Rats and Mice) ...	559

Sewer Maintenance Treatment :

Number of sewer maintenance treatments	2
Number of manholes baited (first treatment)	157
Number of manholes baited (second treatment)	147
Total numbr of manholes baited	304

Analysis of First Treatment :

Bait Base : Damp Sausage Rusk and Arsenious Oxide (10%)

Number of manholes test baited (10% of manholes not included in previous treatment)	77
Number of manholes baited (actual treatment)	157
Number of manholes showing prebait take	85
Number of manholes showing complete prebait take ...	54
Number of manholes showing partial prebait take	31

Analysis of Second Treatment :

Bait Base : Bread Mash with 2½% Zinc Phosphide.

Number of manholes baited (actual treatment)	147
Number of manholes showing prebait take	60
Number of manholes showing complete prebait take ...	45
Number of manholes showing partial prebait take	15

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

The main purpose of this Act is to improve the standard of cleanliness of fillings used in upholstery and for the registration of premises where this work is carried out. It does not apply to the remaking or reconditioning of furniture. When the act came into operation in August, 1951, two premises were registered under these provisions. They have since ceased to manufacture furniture and are not now subject to the provisions of this Act.

HOUSING.

During the year 23 houses were represented as unfit for human habitation :—

Clearance Areas—

Crabbs Cross Clearance Area No. 1	9 houses
Crabbs Cross Clearance Area No. 2	5 houses

Individual houses—

12, 12a, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 George Street ...	7 houses
Ipsley Mill	1 house
590 Evesham Road, Crabbs Cross	1 house

During the year 6 houses were demolished :—

Edward Street Clearance Area No. 1	6 houses

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	460
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	868
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under subhead (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ...	477
(2)	(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	477
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	125
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	64

REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 42

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

(a) **Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.**

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By Owners	Nil.
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.

(b) **Proceedings under Public Health Acts.**

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	22
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By Owners	22
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.

(c) **Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.**

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	9
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(3)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1

(d) **Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.**

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil.

HOUSING ACT, 1957, PART IV, OVERCROWDING.

(a)	(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year...	No accurate information available.
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein	
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	

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